



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Committee Statement
LB 230

Hearing Date: February 28, 2005

Committee On: Business and Labor

Introducer(s): (Redfield, Aguilar, Baker, Beutler, Bourne, Byars, Chambers, Combs, Connealy, Cornett, Cudaback, Cunningham, Fischer, Friend, Howard, Hudkins, Johnson, Kopplin, Kruse, Landis, Loudon, Mines, Pahls, Dw. Pedersen, D. Pederson, Preister, Price, Raikes, Schrock, Stuhr, Stuthman, Synowiecki, Thompson, Schimek)

Title: Require a nonunion employee to reimburse a union for legal services requested by such employee

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- X Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

5	Yes	Senators Cunningham, Combs, Preister, Burling and Schimek
1	No	Senator Kremer
0	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Chambers

Proponents:

Senator Pam Redfield
Ken Mass
Sam Scarpello

James Cavanaugh
Ted Buri

Opponents:

Greg Mourad
Dick Johnson
Walt Broer

Neutral:

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska State AFL-CIO
NE State Council of Electrical Workers/
NE State Utility Workers Conference/
Omaha Building & Construction Trades Council
Fraternal Order of Police
NAPR/AFSCMR

Representing:

National Right to Work
Associated Builders & Contractors
Associated General Contractors, NE Building
Chapter

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: LB 230 clarifies existing representation obligations of a labor organization. The bill would require a non-union employee electing representation by the labor organization to reimburse the organization for actual legal fees and court costs. The legal fees and court costs are those incurred by the organization while representing the employee in a complaint or legal action. This is current law for all employees under the jurisdiction of the Commission of Industrial Relations. LB 230 would extend this provision to all employees in Nebraska.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Douglas Cunningham, Chairperson